

Application Serial No. 09/878,744
Amendment dated February 9, 2004
Reply to Office Action of September 9, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 35, 36, and 49 have been amended. The allowance of claims 3-10, 14-34, 37, 41-44, 46/14, 47, 48, and 51-58 is noted with appreciation. Re-examination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the amendments above and the remarks below, are respectfully requested.

The Examiner continued the rejection of claims 1, 2, 11-13, 35, 36, 38-40, 45, 46/1 (as it depends from claim 1), 49, 50, and 60 as being anticipated by MacQueen U.S. Patent No. 5,485,690. The Examiner also continued the rejection of claims 38-40, and 59 as being obvious in view of MacQueen '690 and DiClementi et al U.S. Patent No. 6,088,937. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

The Examiner stated that Applicants' arguments were more limiting than the claims, to wit, pipe 72 has a longitudinal axis and when moved moves in the "longitudinal direction" (of the pipe 72 itself). It is noted however that the pipe 72 is oriented transverse to a longitudinal axis of a vehicle to which the plow is mounted. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the claims as indicated above to recite that the vehicle has a longitudinal axis, and that the receivers receive the arms upon relative movement therebetween in a direction generally parallel to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle, as would occur when, for example, one drives the mount frame of a mount frame equipped vehicle into engagement with the snow plow. It is respectfully submitted

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that none of the art of record, whether taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest Applicants' invention as is now recited in the claims.

In view of the above, it is submitted that all of the claims are now allowable. Re-examination of the application is respectfully requested, and an early Notice Of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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